

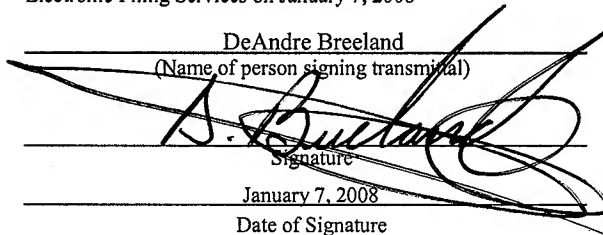
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed on October 9, 2007, having a  
three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 9, 2008, please  
consider the following remarks.

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